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### Office Action Summary

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**Examiner**

ASHOK B. PATEL

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6, 15 and 21-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9, 16-18 and 25-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 10-14, 19, 20 and 28-32 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-28 are subject to examination. Claims 6, 15 and 24 are cancelled.

***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/17/2008 has been entered.

***Response to Arguments***

3. Please refer to the following rejection for the claims. The arguments are addressed as part of the rejection because of the amendments to the claims.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 7, 16 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Asano et al. (hereinafter Asano) (US 2002/0161918).

**Referring to claim 7,**

Asano teaches a device-to-device authentication system for authenticating one or more devices on a local area network connectable to an external network via a router as a default gateway, the system comprising:

a storage unit configured to store identification information identifying a local area network of a first device and a local area network of a second device (Para. [0028]); and

a unit configured to determine when the local area network of the first device and the local area network of the second device are the same local area network by comparing the identification information identifying the local area network of the first device to the identification information identifying the local area network of the second device, wherein the local area network of the first device and the local area network of the second device are determined to be the same local area network when the comparison determines the information identifying the local area network of the first device and the identification information identifying the local area network of the second device are the same; wherein the first device comprises: a unit configured to receive a request for access from the second device; a unit configured to permit the request when it is determined that the first device and the second device are on the same local area network; and a unit configured to refuse the request when it is not determined that the first device and the second device are on the same local area network.(Para. [0028],

**Note:** For Asano, the Router 14 of Fig. 14 is the source of all destinations. Router as indicated in Fig. 19, that if the router is not the source then the packet is discarded. That is why the router compares the destination address to it's own address which is the source address).

**Referring to claim 16,**

Claim 16 is a claim to a method carried out by the system of claim 7. Therefore, claim 16 is rejected for the reasons set forth for claim 7.

**Referring to claim 25,**

Claim 25 is a claim to a communication apparatus of the system of claim 7. Therefore, claim 25 is rejected for the reasons set forth for claim 7.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Claims, except 7, 16 and 25, are objected but would be allowable if rewritten in the form complying with the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Claims except 7, 16 and 25, incorporate the phrase "a source media control access address". Examiner objects these claims based on the interpretation of this phrase as being the "media control access address" of a default gateway and the determination of "local area network is taking place at the "first device", that is the location of " a local environment management unit."

The objected claims are unclear as to where the determination is taking place. Please advise.

***Conclusion***

**Examiner's note:** Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses,

to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ASHOK B. PATEL whose telephone number is (571)272-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am-4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Ashok B. Patel/

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